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Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2823  
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Filed: November 9, 1999 ) Examiner: William D. Coleman  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND )  
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF )

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE  
TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Final Office Action mailed March 14, 2003,  
please consider the following remarks in connection with the above-identified  
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